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Subject: School Meals Initiatives -- Offer vs. Serve (OVS) and Production Records

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri ED,  
(Child Nutrition Programs) Montana OPI, Nebraska ED, North Dakota,  
South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming ED

Please find attached guidance on OVS. This information includes a comparison chart that compares OVS under the current meal pattern with Nutrient Standard Menu Planning and Food-Based Menu Planning. In addition, the Kansas Department of Education developed a proposal for additional guidance. This office made slight modifications to that guidance and attached it for your information. This material should assist you in training school food authorities on OVS.

There has been some concern voiced in this Region regarding the use of production records. You will find attached three examples of production records. Two are from the School Meals Initiatives training materials, and the other was developed for use in our Regional Office Administered Programs. There is not a mandatory form that must be used for production records. State agencies have the flexibility to determine what is appropriate for their individual states. The attached forms are provided as examples and may be used if appropriate.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact our office at (303) 844-0355.

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Attachments

NOTE: ATTACHMENTS ARE CONFUSING AND WERE NOT COPIED. WE WILL USE GUIDANCE DEVELOPED BY VICKI.